

Brady was expedited for "expediting" the star service.

It was a big thing to be a mail contractor under General Brady.

General Brady is now in a mood to go over to the Democrats. He doesn't like the Republican administration.

An Iowa girl is making the musical critics of London pay attention. She is stirring up things with her voice.

So far as is known, there are no more fasters on the boards. Three of them have died and Tanner is a bankrupt.

Let me have the business of "expediting" the star route service, and I care not for the highest office in the land.—General Brady.

The Republican Senators understand their business when they draw a speech from a Southern Senator. In that way they accumulate excellent campaign fodder for the Republican party.

We have heard a good deal about polygamy being put down and all that, but this week several Mormon families, numbering 197 persons, arrived from Europe and are going to Salt Lake.

When the Republican caucus met in Washington on Wednesday, a large majority decided that they would not take issue with the administration. Mr. Conkling was not with the majority.

There are yet hopes that Stanley Matthews will be confirmed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The trouble between the President and Mr. Conkling will more than probably do the business.

It is yet impossible to get any reliable information in regard to the number of the drowned in the Elgin disaster. From eight to fifteen children went to the bottom, and up to the last accounts none of the bodies had been recovered.

At last a place has been found for Mr. Fred Douglass, who has been Marshal of the District of Columbia for the past four years. How to dispose of him has been a serious problem to the administration, as it did not exactly meet with the sentiment of the President that a colored man should reside at the White House.

The reports regarding the wheat crop in the West appear to be of a conflicting character. Recently, a commission firm in Milwaukee undertook to make the people believe that in all sections the crop would be a failure, and that the statement was based on reports received from numerous county clerks and county treasurers. The Gazette said at the time that this was the voice of bear croakers, and not the sentiment of the farmers. The facts to-day are that cool-headed men living in Minnesota are predicting a large yield of the best quality of wheat, owing to the reserves of moisture stored in the ground at an unusual depth. And from Ohio there comes word that the crop of 1881 is likely to be above the average, and may prove to be the largest crop ever harvested in the State. These are pretty comfortable promises to lean on, if there are discouraging reports coming from other parts of the country.

The venerable editor of the Evening Wisconsin is being troubled with numerous libel suits, and one day this week he was arrested on a criminal warrant and taken to jail, but in a few minutes was released on his own recognizance. Mr. Cramer is one of the oldest editors in the State, a versatile writer, and a man of considerable power. He hates shams, and hasn't much respect for the average lawyer of the time. Mr. Cramer has been unfortunate—probably that term will hardly please him—in the use of words and expressions in writing about those he sought to condemn, especially in writing up Cottrell and Finch, two lawyers in Milwaukee. He could have scored them severely, and made them feel the sharpness of his pen pretty keenly without writing words of a libelous nature. But not taking into account the consequences of printing certain words in regard to the persons referred to, he plunged himself into trouble, and on Wednesday was taken to jail. Mr. Cramer has lived in this State thirty-four years. He has been successful in business and has accumulated a large property. He has done much for Milwaukee and for individuals, and has not been stingy with his giving. And yet he says: "We were yesterday imprisoned in a felon cell for earnest and outspoken utterances on a public grievance which has long been the scandal of the community and the dishonor of the legal profession itself, in calling attention to the conduct of a few lawyers in abusing and berating witnesses, and also opposing parties in suit, as though they were infamous in character." He then proceeds to write up his experience in jail which he does in a very easy and graceful manner. He does not take back anything he has said, but stands firm in the faith that he did just right.

The country is taking note of Mrs. John C. Fremont, who has been in Washington during the past week, the guest of President and Mrs. Garfield. The country will not soon forget Jessie Fremont. While her father, Thomas H. Benton, was United States Senator from Missouri, she met General Fremont in Washington, this was away back in 1840. Fremont was then a handsome,

dashing young officer, tall and commanding and was preparing to make an expedition for the government between the Missouri and the British lines, north. Jessie Benton and Fremont became acquainted, and each fell in love with the other. She was then but fifteen and he twenty-seven, but an engagement was formed, but the parents of Jessie objected. Seeking to break the match, Colonel Benton, who was then Senator, went to the war department and got young Fremont ordered immediately to the frontier. He went to the front like a gallant man, made the survey in question, returned to Washington, and in 1841 Jessie and Fremont were secretly married. She was then one of the most accomplished women in Washington, and since that time she has proved to be one of the most remarkable women this country has produced. She was not only beautiful, but her learning and accomplishments struck everybody with astonishment who met her, and to this day she has lost none of these. During the Presidential campaign of 1856, when her husband was the Republican candidate against Buchanan, she was known as "our Jessie," and the popularity she won then she keeps to-day. Fremont then was at the height of his fame. He was known all over the world as the great American explorer. Kings and queens praised him, and the American people landed his wonderful exploits. He was rich and great, but was defeated for President. During these years Jessie Fremont bore the part of a grand woman. Since then there has been a great change in the fortunes of John C. Fremont. He was then a millionaire. To-day he is comparatively poor. He was glad to get appointed Governor of Arizona Territory for the small salary it paid, and now we hear that an effort will be made to give him the Mexican mission. During all these years of reverses, when Fremont fell from affluence to almost poverty, and from fame to well nigh obscurity, Jessie Fremont, once the idol of the nation, remained the same true and noble-hearted woman.

## THE STAR ROUTE SWINDLE.

There is a great deal of surprise no doubt among the people that the star route frauds were not brought to public notice long before this, and General Brady and his henchmen made to feel the lash of justice. These gigantic steals were known to members of Congress over a year ago, and the ninety-three routes on which there had been an increased compensation of nearly three million dollars, were published in the Congressional Record more than a year ago. For reasons which the public will hardly be able to understand, nothing was done in the winter of 1880 in regard to the frauds, except to ascertain that frauds of gigantic proportions existed in the office of Second Assistant Postmaster General Brady. When it was found that Brady's office had become a den of thieves, to speak mildly, the matter was dropped by Congressmen of both parties, and nothing further was done until President Garfield and Postmaster General James came to the conclusion that the public should so long be insulted and their rights trampled under foot, by the suppression of facts connected with the star route frauds.

General Brady claims that he did no stealing, and that whatever he did do in raising the compensation of star route contractors, received the sanction of Congressmen. This last statement is no doubt true, every word of it; for it was the business of Congressmen to inquire into the alleged frauds in Brady's office, and to know all about them. Evidently they did know all about them, but for some reason no one was willing to assume the responsibility of demanding that there and then Brady should be dismissed and the office put into more competent and honest hands.

There are some facts that cling to this star route business which the people may as well understand. It will be remembered that the ninety-three routes, which have become historic, were let for the aggregate sum of \$727,000 a year. General Brady had the compensation increased from time to time until the aggregate compensation reached nearly three millions; and the average length of time far which the increased compensation runs is three years; therefore, the highly favored contractors of these ninety-three routes enjoyed the privilege of taking from the United States treasury the handsome sum of \$6,275,000.

There is another fact which should be given, and this is very suspicious against General Brady. He was very careful to locate all the routes which should be "expedited" west of the Mississippi river. He did not place one of them where it was supposed the carrying of mails should be expedited. But he goes off to the extreme Western States and Territories, on the frontiers of civilization, where settlements are thin, and where it was supposed the "expediting" business would not be detected.

route in the Indian Territory for \$6,000 a year, and then turns round and gives the contractor \$150,322?

If the friends of General Brady insist that he is honest, then the only ground for them to take in explaining the enormous swindling done in his office, is that he is an idiot and therefore not responsible for his own acts.

## WORK OF THE WIRES.

The Administration Senators Think an Executive Session Will Be Held Next Week.

The Star Route Ring Endeavoring to Bulldoze the President.

They Charge the President with Requesting Money Contributions for Campaign Purposes.

But the President Keeps On Unearthing the Rascality in the Contract Office.

The Missouri River on a Terrible Tear at Kansas City and Vicinity.

The Lower Portion of Kansas City Drowned Out by a Break in the Levee.

An Immense Amount of Damage Done along the Low Lands.

Four School Boys Killed by Lightning in Louisville.

Thomas Radford, of Milton, Killed while Coupling Cars at Menomonee Valley.

A Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce Man Expelled for Bribery.

Other Interesting State and Miscellaneous News Items.

## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

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WASHINGTON, April 28.—An administration Senator said to-day that the result of the consultation by the caucus committee would be that executive sessions would be held next week. The policy was to consider all nominations and call out those upon which there would be a difference of opinion and advise action upon the rest. It might not be that all would be acted upon, even of those about which there was no prospect of a difference, but the great bulk of them, and all important ones, would be. Several Senators had been over to New York within the past five days, and he found that the conservative people could not understand why they should not make the confirmations even over Virginia. There was no mistaking the sentiment of the country, which now demanded that the administration should receive respectful consideration in the Senate. The Democrats said they were ready to go into executive session, and that the Republicans dare not do it for fear of internal dissension. They intended to show the Bourbons that they had no such dissensions as would require Democratic votes to make confirmations. None would be present but that the Republicans could not confirm alone. There was some doubt whether the Democrats would allow confirmations after all, because they could resort to the same tactics in executive sessions as in open Senate. Some of the Republicans were of the opinion that the Democrats might resort to this course because they had discovered that they could control the body, and would want to keep on.

## "RING" TALK.

The Star Route Ring Endeavoring to Bulldoze the Administration.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The star route ring are talking retaliatory measures upon the administration, if the present crusade against them does not cease. Several of the contractors claim to have subscribed liberally to the Republican campaign fund in Indiana, and there are hints that General Garfield knew all about it and did not object.

The Star, speaking of the subject this afternoon, says: "It was reported at the capitol to-day that the star route ring are going to open fire on the administration; that they will charge that the mail contractors were assessed last year to raise money for the Republicans in Indiana at General Garfield's request, and that the latter knew how the money was to be raised. The rumor also alleged that other attacks will be made on the President, some of these going back some years."

Whether the above is true or not it is evident that the members of the ring are greatly exasperated, and are trying to bulldoze the administration into a cessation of hostilities. It is claimed that the Republican congressional committee asked the contractors to contribute, and that some of them came down handsomely, presuming that it would make them solid with the new administration. It can be stated on authority that the attempt to frighten the officials into a cessation of hostilities will have no effect. The prosecution will continue, and before it is through there will be several sudden depredations in the Postoffice department. In conversation President Garfield was quite severe upon postoffice accounting officials, and others who must have known these facts, but made no sign. The summary removal of Mr. French, chief clerk to Brady, is an indi-

cation of what the President thinks of an official who lets these things pass under his inspection unchallenged.

## THE MISSOURI.

Great Damage by High Water at Kansas City and Vicinity.

KANSAS CITY, April 28.—At an early hour this morning the temporary levee between Plankinton and Armour's packing house and Steven's & Osborn, gave way, and in less than five minutes the Missouri river was rushing through the break at forty miles an hour, and by 10 o'clock half of West Kansas was under water and between 2,000 to 3,000 persons were driven from their homes. The majority of these are poor colored folks, Southern refugees, who came from Mississippi and Tennessee last year, and have been living in shanties along the river front ever since. The water surrounds the immense packing-house of Plankinton & Armour, and a large portion of Fowler Brothers establishment is submerged. Several of the largest elevators are also cut off by the water, and at elevator A the water has reached the grain. The building contains about 40,000 bushels, which it is feared will be a total loss. At the stock-yards the water has compelled all stock to be taken to other quarters, while the railroads in all directions are unable to make connections. The towns of Harlem, in Clay county, and Armourdale, Kan., are entirely flooded, and at the latter place this morning an aged negro and his grandchild were drowned. They failed to leave their shanty when told to do so, and they attempted to get away by wagon, but their horses missed the road, and the entire outfit was carried into the Kaw river. At least 1,000 houses are flooded in West Kansas and the bottom lands here, and great damage is being done. The loss to the ice men will reach \$75,000 up to the present time at this point, and if the large houses of Fowler Bros. and Plankinton & Armour at Sugar Lake go, the total loss will be \$150,000. At 8 o'clock to-night the water stood at 25 and 8 1/2 feet, having risen fourteen inches since Wednesday night.

## KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Four School Boys Killed while Playing Base Ball.

LOUISVILLE, April 28.—A heavy rain hail, and lightning storm prevailed in the city at 1 o'clock to-day. Four boys were killed in the West End by lightning. The accident occurred at Twenty-sixth and Market. The boys were playing base ball. Their ages ranged from 12 to 14. The boys were pupils of the school, and the disaster happened during recess.

Their game was just concluded and the bell summoning them to their school duties was ringing, thereby causing the boys to be in the same spot where their coats and hats had been placed before they began the game. As the flash struck the earth, the boys were for a moment obscured from sight, so vivid was the lightning. When the few people in the neighborhood again looked toward the boys they were all flat on the ground.

Two gentlemen ran to the spot, and to their horror discovered the four boys' faces upturned in the direction of the sky, from which they had but shortly received their last summons.

## KNOCK CHAPEL CEMENT.

MILWAUKEE, April 28.—Father Willard has distributed among over 1,000 persons portions of Knock Chapel cement, and has on file about twenty-eight letters from different persons living in Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and some of the Territories, all claiming that they have been cured or relieved from pains or long-standing afflictions of the body. Father Willard, who until now has been connected with St. Patrick's church, has been assigned to the White-water mission. He will resign his place as editor of the Catholic Citizen, and the pastoral duties he now has to perform will afford him more leisure to write for his paper.

## CRUSHED TO DEATH.

MILWAUKEE, April 29.—Yesterday noon a brakeman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, Thomas Radford by name, was almost instantly killed while employed near the Prairie du Chien Junction in the Menomonee Valley. He was coupling a flat car which been converted into a pile driver for use on the flood wrecked bridges on the line, and had failed to observe a projecting timber. As the cars closed against each other, he was caught and crushed so terribly that he survived the accident but a few moments. His remains were conveyed to the city and placed in the morgue, where they will remain until the inquest takes place, which will be at 10 o'clock this forenoon. Radford was a single man, exemplary in character, and had attained the age of 22 years. His parents reside at Milton Junction.

## EXPULSED FOR BRIBERY.

MILWAUKEE, April 28.—The directors of the chamber of commerce have expelled Patrick Mallon, of the firm of Mallon & Phelan, wheat-mixers, having found, as was charged, that Mallon bribed an assistant grain inspector, Abraham (now suspended) by presenting him with \$400.

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**Protective Resemblances of Insects.**  
 The *Kallima paralkita*, when open and flying around is much like any other butterfly; but let it alight on a twig and fold its wings, and a wonderful transformation takes place. The under sides of the wing, in color, form and structure, are perfect imitations of the leaves of certain plants. The lower parts of the wing form narrow points, so that when joined they form the stem, and as the creature alights the tail (stem) is pressed down, the wings standing out. The very veins of the wing radiate from a central one, as in the plant. Even most curiously colored marks are found on the wings, that exactly imitate the mold spots of the leaf. In fact, in every way the curious insect is a mimic, protecting itself by merely resting. Wallace refers to this species and to another equally wonderful. Certain butterflies are poisonous to birds, and one particularly is avoided by them that has a peculiar flight most noticeable. The above-mentioned observer has seen a butterfly that is acceptable as food, when pursued by birds, assume the peculiar lumbering flight of the poisonous insect, utterly deceiving the bird, which would immediately give up the chase, while the wily insect would fly away, probably laughing in its entomological sleeves.

It has been claimed that these resemblances are accidental, but never was method more maligned. They are so prominent that the most careless observer cannot but be impressed with the evidence of design. The protection afforded the butterfly is as perfect in its way as is the shark's mouth to itself; they about avert the possibility of attack. The writer has been fortunate in observing instances of this in the Gulf weed floating on the surface of the water. The animals that inhabit it are more than usually exposed and open to the attacks of wandering sea birds. Lying in the green weed, they would offer a striking mark for their enemies, but they are so protected by mimicry that it takes a skilled eye to detect them from the weed. A fish found there is not only mottled green, the exact color of the Sargassum, but has white spots on its body that resemble the white coralline formations that grow on the weed. The head, fins and various parts of the body have curious disconnected barbed or fringed flesh, in many cases the exact shape of the sections of its vegetable home. The backs of the crabs are similarly painted by nature, different shades of green flecked with white, and only by careful examination can they be detected.

The phylasia, a hydroid animal, allied to the jelly fishes, affords an interesting case of mimicry. The upper portion of the animal is merely a bubble floating on the surface, surmounted with a delicate pink membrane that can be raised and lowered at will. From the lower part descend numerous bunches of tentacles of the most intense blue, that are for different purposes. They are extremely poisonous, as they conceal myriads of minute darts called barbed cells, that instinctively are thrown out like an exploding shell, piercing an enemy. The writer can attest to the power of these minute projectiles, having accidentally swam over one and been rendered unconscious. The blue body had to be scraped from the victim, and only by use of powerful stimulants was animation kept up. A year after the occurrence the lack-luster tracery of the marks could still be seen. Close up among the death-dealing darts are little fishes that evidently find there a home and protection. In color they are the exact shade of the tentacles, so that close scrutiny is necessary to discriminate between them.

On the eastern coast a crab is found living solely in the white sand and burrowing in it. From its peculiar color, or want of it, it is called the spirit crab. Its movements are extremely rapid, and it is such a perfect mimic of the beach in color that it cannot be observed by birds. In wandering among the prickly pearbrush on one of the Florida Keys, in search of their fruit, which resembles a fig, although of a rich purple in color, the writer was somewhat astonished by being severely nipped by what was mistaken for a pear. It proved to be an atrocious mimic. A crab with a purple back had lodged between the branches, and when alarmed curled up its legs, appearing a mimic of the fruit. Among the mangrove were innumerable numbers of the *Phasmodon* insects that resemble dead and living bare twigs and branches, and so great is the resemblance that a previous knowledge of their character is required to detect them.

A walking stick comes from the East Indies, over eight inches in length, and the peculiar woody appearance of its joints is most noticeable. Probably the most wonderful insect mimic, however, is the walking leaf, or phyllium. The wings when closed form a perfect leaf; the legs are twigs, the color greenish, some, while in others curious mottled spots, similar to the butterfly above described, are shown. The veins of the leaf can be followed exactly as they radiate from the body, which is analogous to the mid vein of the leaf. If the reader possesses an oleander that does not thrive, let the leaves be closely examined, and a most consummate mimic will be found sapping the life of the plant. A microscope is needed to fully detect it—a mere scale of the exact color of the leaf and flattened upon it, forming to the naked eye a component part of the tissues of the plant, and easily deceiving the horticulturist who is puzzled at the drooping condition of the plant.

In the examples cited the resemblance has been used as a protection, but another class of animals use their odd shapes to procure their living. Among them are the lophins of our coast and many of the gunnards. Covered with fringed bars of flesh and waving fins, they lie among the muddy bottom weed, to all intents a part and parcel of it, and the unsuspecting fish, while swimming among these waving weeds, is engulfed in the mouth of the mimic.—N. Y. Sun.

Private letters state that there was a scene recently at the meeting of the Privy Council at Windsor. The Queen said she would not give up Candahar, and Sir W. Vernon Harcourt very quietly pointed out that her Majesty must do what her constitutional advisers required her to do. Whereupon her Majesty began to cry, and declared that, like Mrs. Gummidge, she was a "lone, lone creature, now." "She's a thinking of the old 'un," thought Sir William. "She'll be better presently." And she was better directly, apologized with dignity and feeling for her momentary weakness, and went on with business as though nothing had happened.

—West Virginia can scarcely continue to be ranked among the States with a distinctive negro population in the light of the present census. With a total population of 618,195, the State has but 25,760 negroes, or about one in every twenty-five.

**PERSONAL AND LITERARY.**  
 —George Eliot left \$200,000.  
 —John G. Whittier will write the ode for the Yorktown Centennial.  
 —Rev. L. T. Chamberlain read 2,000 volumes of Sunday-school literature to make a selection of 600 for a school in Norwich, Conn.  
 —Bret Harte, in talking with a friend in regard to his literary work, said: "I assure you that I barely average \$6,000 a year."  
 —Miss Harrison, who is now Lady Arthur Hill, receives a royalty of four thousand dollars a year on her ballad, "In the Gloaming." She was formerly a governess.  
 —Karl Gerhardt, a Hartford draughtsman, modeled so fine a figure of his wife in clay that Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner have sent him to Europe for education in sculpture.

—Mr. John Bright's library is a notable feature in his modest home, twelve hundred volumes of which were bought for him, at a cost of \$5,048, by his admirers, after the Corn Law League had fulfilled its mission.  
 —Mr. Carlyle's friends, it is reported, wish to put the little house in Scotland in which he was born in repair, and keep it as a monument—making, it perhaps into a library for the use of the country people about.

—M. Gillis, a wealthy merchant of St. Petersburg, has offered a prize of one thousand florins for the best exposition of Kant's views on "The Ideality of Time and Space." He will also publish the successful work at his own expense and give the profits to the author.  
 —Miss Kate Smith, an inmate of the Union Home for Old Ladies in Philadelphia, after three years' labor, has completed a quilt containing 55,552 pieces. She has been blind from infancy, but threaded every needle herself, and used one hundred spools of thread in her work.

Mrs. Betsey H. Perkins, of Tammont, Mass., was celebrated her one-hundredth birthday the other day, and did the handsome thing by her daughters in giving them each a \$1,000 bond. She remembers the excitement caused by the inauguration of Washington, which happened when she was eight years old. She has fifty-two living descendants.

—Ko-Kun-Hua, the Chinese Professor at Harvard, is a poet, and lately contributed a number of his own verses to a Cambridgeport fair. Each paper has his autograph and seal in vermilion, and is covered with pretty sprays and leaves. The titles are odd enough: "Pear and Peach Blossoms in the Window," "Tender of Flowers," "Get Up Early," "Thoughts on Antiquity," etc.

**HUMOROUS.**  
 —It is not the brilliant author, working quietly with his pen, who makes the most noise in the world. It is the political stump speaker and the boiler maker.—M. O. Pearyne.

—Monday evening, February 21, a young Baltimorean came rushing home in breathless haste, exclaiming: "Papa, papa! George Washington is dead, and there's no school to-morrow.—Baltimore Preceptor.

—There is a hog in Ohio which is fifty years old. This must be ancient Greece.—Puck. There is a bottle of spirits in Kentucky that is one hundred and seventy-four years old. This must be ancient Rum.—American Queen.

—The canary had begun to twitter a little after moulting, but was unable to sing his entire tune. The little four-year-old, after listening to one of the bird's vain attempts to master his tune, said very composedly, "Mamma, birdie only sang half a verse!"—Rome Scintilla.

A debating society has tackled the question: "Is it worse to think you've reached the top when there is one stair more, than to think there is one stair more when you've reached the top, and bring your foot down so hard that it tingles for four hours?"—Boston Post.

"I only play by note," said a pianist. "Seems to me you could do more execution if you would play by ear," remarked Fogz. "Such a reach, you know." And the pianist reached for Fogz, who got himself out of the way just in time.—Boston Transcript.

—A Galveston dandy rushed into a doctor's office and breathlessly exclaimed: "Come on, doctor, right off. Dar is somebody in my house who is in an awful fix—kind up in bed, aggroin' and aggroin'." "Who is it?" "It's me. You see, boss, I didn't have nobody to send, so I came myself."—Galveston News.

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## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

TRAINS ARRIVE.

From Milwaukee, Chicago and East, 1:40 P. M.

From Madison, St. Paul and all points North and West, 1:55 P. M.

From Brodhead, Albany and Monroe, 12:20 P. M.

From Brodhead, Albany and Monroe, 12:30 P. M.

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O. E., who has been in the institution ten years—come at once! The many friends of young Guernsey have no doubt but that he will meet with the success, which all wish for him.

—Prentice & Evenson have received a new thermometer from New York, which will serve as an undisputed standard here and a measure of the weather from which there can be no appeal. The thermometer is made by James Green, of New York, the maker of the instruments for the weather bureau in Washington. This particular thermometer has been tested and verified by the Winchester observatory of Yale College, and a written certificate of the same accompanies the instrument. With such authority to back it up, Prentice & Evenson's thermometer will be one to be appealed to, instead of to be appealed from. It will be placed outside of the door of their drugstore, where the public will have a chance to see for themselves.

—Some of the lads determined to get up a sensation, worthy of the name, got a suit of old clothes, stuffed them with straw, put a head on, hat and boots, and thus made quite a deceptive looking stiff, which they proceeded to throw into the river just below the upper dam, and then waited to see the commotion it would cause. Those on the bridge horrified at seeing the body of a man being swept along by the wild rush of waters, but unfortunately for the jokers, no one happened to notice the prepared corpse, and it went unheeded by any, and joke's labor was lost. If any one down the river chances to find a suit of clothes well stuffed with straw, they need not stay awake nights trying to solve the mystery.

IF "cleanliness is the scale of civilization," Janesville must stand high on the scale, judging from the immense quantities of toilet soaps Prentice & Evenson have just received. For pure vegetable oil soaps go to the drug store opposite the post office.

TROUBLE THREATENED.

Rumors of War which may necessitate the calling out of the Militia.

Various rumors have been set afloat to the effect that a number of indignant citizens, who have got tired of having lands overgrown, are preparing to make a raid on the Indian Ford dam, and let out the water. It will be remembered that a week or so ago a posse of officers from here went up to Indian Ford and shut down the gates, and despite threats made to them, they took off the pulleys and rackets so that the gates could not be opened very readily. There has been some ill feeling for a long time among those who claim that they have suffered from lands being flooded by the water power folk, and this forenoon it was rumored that there was really danger of an attempt being made to organize a band of men to cut away Indian Ford dam, or take out the gates, despite the injunction issued.

It is not possible to tell how much truth there is in the assertion, but the fact that there has been much ugly talk about the matter, and that an indignation meeting is called at Fort Atkinson, to-morrow afternoon, has led many to believe there is danger. Attorney Rager in behalf of the Indian Ford water power company, gave due notice this morning to District Attorney Sage and Sheriff Skavlem that threats had been made, and this notice obligates the county to take all needed steps to prevent any trouble, and makes the county liable for any damage done, if a mob or riot should occur.

There may be no violent outcome of all this talk, but should there be any unlawful attempt to do damage to the Indian Ford dam, there will be all needed force to suppress it. If there seems need the militia of the city will be called out to guard the property, and prevent any disturbance, but the Sheriff has not yet decided that such a course is necessary, and it is to be hoped that the affair may end as it has begun, in mere talk, and a war of words.

Notice.

Todd's Brewery, Office, and Liquor Store is removed to the rear of the Brewery premises, through the alley way, where he will be happy to receive his customers.

HAPPILY JOINED.

A matrimonial event occurred in this city on the 27th of March in which many in and about Janesville are interested. The contracting parties were Mr. William S. Bemis, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Miss Flora R. Bemis, daughter of George W. Bemis, of this city. Rev. G. W. Lawrence was the officiating clergyman. The amiable and accomplished bride has many warmly attached friends in this city, and she may rest assured that their very best wishes will be affectionately expressed to her. The gentleman to whom she has thus united herself, is not widely known here, but comes highly spoken of as a young man of ability, and moral worth. He is now making a careful and thorough preparation for the practice of law, in which profession he will doubtless meet with the success which his many friends are wishing for him.

CHANGE IN THE GAME LAW.

It is difficult, owing to the many and frequent changes in the game law, for sportsmen to keep track of what is lawful and what is not. The last legislation has so amended Section 4564 as to make it read as follows, and those interested should clip it out and paste it in their gun case:

Any person who shall take, catch, kill or destroy or wantonly molest, or have in his possession when killed or taken, or expose for sale in this State, any woodcock, between the first day of January and the succeeding tenth day of July, any quail, partridge, pheasant, or ruffed grouse, prairie hen or prairie chicken, sharp tailed grouse or grouse of other variety, or any wood duck, mallard or teal duck, between the first day of January and the succeeding fifteenth day of

August in any year; or any wild deer, buck, doe or fawn, between the first day of January and the succeeding fifteenth day of September; or any other mink, martin, muskrat, or fisher, between the first day of May and the succeeding first day of November, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten dollars nor less than one dollar, for each bird or animal so unlawfully taken, killed, had in possession or exposed for sale.

LIFE IN THE WEST.

How a Janesville Man Has Wandered for Years among the Mountains and Plains of the Frontier.

Andrew J. Denniston, a younger brother of J. A. Denniston, of this city, has had a strange and varied life since he left Janesville, and could all the events and experiences through which he has passed, be given to the public it would form a romantic and thrilling narration. It will be remembered that he was one of those who went from here in the Fortieth Wisconsin, and at the close of the war returned here, in health impaired by the exposures to which he was subjected during the war, and in fact he has ever since suffered from disease thus contracted. After the war he remained